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## **Obama Administration Announces Additional \$42,230,600 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Massachusetts**

*Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence*

**WASHINGTON** – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$42,230,600 for state, county and city efforts in Massachusetts. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$176,988,457 in Massachusetts weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12<sup>th</sup> and detailed at [energy.gov/recovery](http://energy.gov/recovery).

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

<b>MA</b>	<b>Massachusetts Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>\$ 42,230,600</b>
MA	Massachusetts	State Energy Office	\$ 14,752,100
MA	Amherst	City	\$ 162,000
MA	Arlington	City	\$ 159,700
MA	Attleboro	City	\$ 179,600
MA	Barnstable Town	City	\$ 202,400
MA	Beverly	City	\$ 169,600
MA	Billerica	City	\$ 180,200
MA	Boston	City	\$ 6,506,200
MA	Brockton	City	\$ 865,000
MA	Brookline	City	\$ 494,400
MA	Cambridge	City	\$ 1,139,400
MA	Chelsea	City	\$ 164,000
MA	Chicopee	City	\$ 499,100
MA	Everett	City	\$ 149,300
MA	Fall River	City	\$ 861,300
MA	Fitchburg	City	\$ 168,000
MA	Framingham	City	\$ 657,000
MA	Haverhill	City	\$ 542,700
MA	Holyoke	City	\$ 175,700
MA	Lawrence	City	\$ 651,300
MA	Leominster	City	\$ 175,500
MA	Lowell	City	\$ 954,700
MA	Lynn	City	\$ 788,100
MA	Malden	City	\$ 501,500
MA	Marlborough	City	\$ 178,000
MA	Medford	City	\$ 504,000
MA	Methuen	City	\$ 179,200
MA	New Bedford	City	\$ 869,300
MA	Newton	City	\$ 799,600

MA	Peabody	City	\$ 494,200
MA	Pittsfield	City	\$ 189,100
MA	Plymouth	City	\$ 514,300
MA	Quincy	City	\$ 881,200
MA	Revere	City	\$ 485,500
MA	Salem	City	\$ 174,300
MA	Somerville	City	\$ 651,100
MA	Springfield	City	\$ 1,498,200
MA	Taunton	City	\$ 519,600
MA	Waltham	City	\$ 630,500
MA	Westfield	City	\$ 170,300
MA	Weymouth	City	\$ 485,800
MA	Woburn	City	\$ 174,600
MA	Worcester	City	\$ 1,733,000

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

MA	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Massachusetts	\$ 89,800
MA	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) of Massachusetts	\$ 29,800

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm).

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